

Lessons from the Field


ness workshop for the catchment area population, aimed at discouraging consumption.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inappropriate alcohol consumption in adolescence is an important challenge for government and social organizations, as well as for health institutions, one that will require multisectoral action to prevent alcohol abuse and reduce alcoholism in the community.

The authors recommend conducting a community alcohol-awareness workshop, serving as a pilot for extension to other similar communities. Such a workshop should be designed to be attractive to adolescents and the general community, with readily

understandable messages. Given this, we propose involvement by adolescents themselves in developing the workshop, or series of workshops, that might begin with a play or other format to address topics such as myths and prejudices about alcoholism, phases in developing alcohol dependence, and characteristics and consequences of irresponsible consumption.

This could be followed by a neighborhood debate, promoting dialogue and participation by all, in which adolescents and their families can express concerns, doubts and anxieties, and receive clarification on misconceptions. It is hoped that such an approach would provide space for reflection and internalization of this serious social and health concern, leading to elaboration of a collective response. 

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Page 21, first paragraph, the first sentence, out-of-hospital deaths should be 54.8% of total for 1999–2003 and 59.2% for 2004–2008. Page 23, Figure 5, out-of-hospital deaths should be 56.9% of total for both periods combined.